

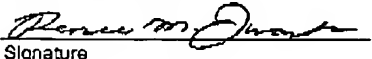


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2. Reply to Office Action mailed 08/10/2006 (7 pages), including one (1) Drawing Replacement Sheet and one (1) Annotated Sheet showing changes

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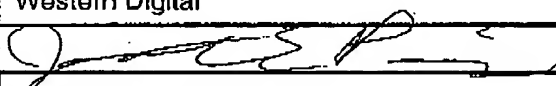
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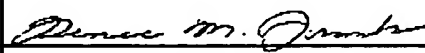
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In response to the Office Action mailed on 08/10/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the **Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amending drawing figures is attached following page 4 of this paper.